

To the members of the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Committee:

Mr. Gunderson has gone to a great deal of effort to misrepresent our encounter in my yard.

Actually, his son and grandson came to my door to ask permission to hunt elk on my hayfield south of my house. They were cordial and respectful and I enjoyed receiving them. I don't allow hunting on those particular fields and explained to them that I was sorry but the answer was no. We visited some, then Mr. Gunderson got out of the vehicle and immediately became very rude. He said they should be able to trespass because they owned the elk. Land owners would soon learn that they have no right to refuse him entering their property when he chose to hunt animals that belonged to him. I tried to discuss property rights. He informed me that I had no property right when it came to his hunting rights. Now did the word socialist come up in the conversation? Well, it may have.

The truth is Mr. Gunderson was already involved in I-161. He seems to severely resent property rights of land owners. He wants to slander me and use me for a punching bag while describing his disgust for others' constitutional rights. My answer, Mr. Gunderson, is that I'm sorry that you have lost respect for your neighbor and your country. As for me, I don't hold your anger and rudeness against you. I just hope you learn to enjoy what God has given you instead of envying others for what he hasn't given you.

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